

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3 in the accompanying application.

Please add the following Claim 4:

4. A method of representing records of data backup activity from one or more data backup products having different formats in a common format, the method comprising:

obtaining records of data backup activity from the one or more data backup products; and

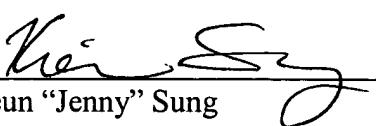
generating a canonical backup log containing backup job records corresponding to the records from the one or more data backup products, the canonical backup log including one or more of a date and time that a data backup operation took place, a proprietary name of the data backup client, a fully qualified host name of the data backup client, a number of bytes that were backed up, a number of files or objects that were backed up, a proprietary data backup level name or a default value, a canonical data backup level name or a default value, a description of where the information in the data backup job record was obtained, a number of seconds that elapsed during the data backup operation or a default value, a number of errors or a default value, a date and time the data backup will expire or default value, a logical target name, and a media label of the storage media to which the data backup was written.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at 650-833-2121.

Respectfully submitted,

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